



Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lars Ewing, Public Services Director

DATE: March 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Consideration of (a) A change to the days and hours of operation at the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum and (b) A change to the hours of operation at the Gibson Museum in Middletown

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Currently the days and hours of operation at the three County museums are as follows:

Lakeport Courthouse Museum: Wednesday through Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm-4:00pm

Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum: Wednesday through Saturday 11:00am to 4:00pm

Middletown Gibson Museum: Thursday through Saturday 11:00am to 4:00pm

The schedule difference between the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum and the Middletown Gibson Museum has created some public confusion. Additionally the visitation numbers of the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum on Wednesdays is relatively minimal. Furthermore, staffing three museums with one permanent curator and limited extra-help staff is a challenge. Changing the operating days and hours to be the same at the two museums would provide a consistent schedule for the public and also minimize existing staffing challenges. The non-profits at each of the museums are aware of the proposed changes.

Pursuant to Lake County Code Section 2-2.4, museum hours can be changed with Board action. Therefore, Board action is required to implement the following:

Lakeport Courthouse Museum: Wednesday through Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum: Thursday through Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm

Middletown Gibson Museum: Thursday through Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm

It should be noted that if any groups such as schools wish to schedule a museum tour at either the

Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum or the Middletown Gibson Museum on a Wednesday this can be readily supported if arranged ahead of time.

FISCAL IMPACT: X None Budgeted Non-Budgeted
 Estimated Cost: N/A
 Amount Budgeted: N/A
 Additional Requested: N/A
 Annual Cost (if planned for future years): N/A

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative): N/A

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable): No additional staff would be required as a result of this change. Furthermore this change would enable the department to more adequately staff each museum with two employees at each museum during operating hours.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends Board of Supervisors approval to (a) change the days and hours of operation at the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum and (b) change the hours of operation at the Middletown Gibson Museum